WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Committee to look into demands of Anganwadi Workers

*262. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee has been constituted by her Ministry as per the direction of the Prime Minister to look into and consider the demands of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers;

(b) if so, the composition of the committee and the terms and references thereof; and

(c) the time-frame within which the committee has to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) A Review Committee has been constituted by the Government to examine the current levels of honorarium and related issues of Anganwadi Workers & Anganwadi Helpers.

(b) The Composition and Terms of Reference of the Committee are as under—

Composition:

(i). Joint Secretary (Child Development & Nutrition) M/o Women & Child Development	*Chairperson*
(ii) Joint Secretary, M/o Health & Family Welfare	Member
(iii) Joint Secretary M/o Rural Development	Member
(iv) Joint Secretary, Deptt. of School Education & Literacy	Member
(v) Joint Secretary, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment	Member
(vi) Joint Secretary, M/o Tribal Affairs	Member
(vii) Joint Secretary, M/o Minority Affairs	Member
(viii) Adviser, Planning Commission	Member

(ix) Secretary (Women & Child Development), Government of Uttar Pradesh	Member
(x) Secretary (Women & Child Development), Government of Bihar	Member
(xi) Secretary (Women & Child Development), Government of Arunachal Pradesh	Member
(xii) Secretary (Women & Child Development), Government of Sikkim	Member
(xiii) Secretary (Women & Child Development) Government of Madhya Pradesh	Member
(xiv) Secretary (Women & Child Development), Government of Orissa	Member
(xv) Secretary (Women & Child Development) Government of Maharashtra	Member
(xvi) Secretary (Women & Child Development) Government of Tamil Nadu	Member
(xvii) Director (Finance), M/o Women & Child Development	Member
(xviii) Director (Child Development), M/o Women & Child Development	Member-Secretary

Terms of Reference:

a. To review the job responsibility and job content of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.

b. To identify the Schemes/Programmes of the Departments/ Ministries of the Government of India, State Governments and local bodies in implementation of which Anganwadi Workers and helpers are associated/involved.

c. To review whether the additional honoraria being paid for duties and responsibilities assigned under Schemes/Programmes, other than ICDS, of the Central/State Governments or local bodies is reasonable.

d. To review the existing levels of honorarium being paid to

AWWs & AWHs for duties & responsibilities assigned under ICDS Scheme.

e. To revisit rate of honorarium paid under ICDS Scheme.

f. To consider whether additional honorarium is to be paid for functions/responsibilities assigned under other Schemes of Government of India/State Govt./local bodies.

g. any other suggestion that the Committee may like to make to further motivate these workers to discharge their responsibilities efficiently,

(c) The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31.12.2006.

Educational backwardness among minorities

†*263. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the main reasons of educational backwardness of minorities, especially of the muslim community is also the unscientific education system of madarsas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Maulana Azad Foundation established to fulfil the above purpose has also remained unsuccessful in its objective;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider to adopt modern scientific method in madarsas and minority institutions;

(d) if not, the details thereof; and

(e) the State-wise details of such madarsas in the country which receive grant and the manner of Government's control over them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e) No, Sir, madarsas mainly impart religious education. The madarsas which volunteer for introducing modern subjects like Mathematics, Science and English are being assisted under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Area Intensive and madarsa Modernisation Programme. A total number of 1631 madarsas have been provided financial assistance under the said Centrally sponsored scheme during 2005-06 for

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